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Financing arrangements for the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On the basis of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/56/887/Add.3), the General Assembly, by its resolution 56/251 B of 27 June 2002, appropriated the amount of $669,476,400 for the maintenance of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, in addition to appropriations totalling $30,361,900 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, which were fully apportioned. The General Assembly did not apportion the full amount of $669,476,400 among Member States. By the same resolution, the General Assembly decided to apportion the amount of $502,107,300, with related staff assessment income of $5,022,900, subject to a decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission. In this regard, the Advisory Committee recommended that the question of the apportionment of the balance of the appropriation in the amount of $167,369,100 be considered in connection with possible adjustments to the Mission's military and civilian components.

2. The Security Council, by its resolution 1436 (2002) of 24 September 2002, extended the mandate of UNAMSIL for a period of six months, from 1 October 2002 to 31 March 2003. By the same resolution, the Council urged the Mission to complete phases 1 and 2 of the Secretary-General's plan for the adjustment and drawdown of the Mission (see S/2002/987), including a reduction of 4,500 troops within eight months, and supported the deployment of up to 170 civilian police in UNAMSIL.

3. Based on Security Council resolution 1436 (2002) and the current status of expenditure for UNAMSIL, expenditures for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 are estimated at $602,912,100. The related staff assessment income would amount to $6,293,700. Compared with the apportionment of $502,107,300 already approved under the terms of General Assembly resolution 56/251 B, this represents

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an increase of $100,804,800 for the period, with related staff assessment income of $1,270,800.

4. **The General Assembly is therefore requested**:

(a) **To apportion among Member States the amount of $100,804,800 for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, comprising $75,603,600 for the period from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003 and $25,201,200 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of UNAMSIL beyond 31 March 2003;**

(b) **To set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective shares in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,270,800, comprising $953,100 for the period from 1 July 2002 to 31 March 2003 and $317,700 for the period from 1 April to 30 June 2003, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.**